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REMARKS

In the outstanding official action, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following alleged patentably distinct species of the invention:

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| I. | Group 1 | Figs. 1-7; |
| II. | Group 2 | Figs. 10-12; |
| III. | Group 3 | Figs. 13-14; |
| IV. | Group 4 | Figs. 15-16; |
| V. | Group 5 | Figs. 17-18; and |
| VI. | Group 6 | Figs. 19-20. |

Reconsideration of this requirement for election of species is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant believes that the present invention contains various embodiments of a single inventive concept. All six species contain the features presently recited in claims 1 and 18, namely, claim 1 is generic to species I-V while claim 18 is generic to species II-VI. Moreover, the Applicant believes that claims 1 and 18 are allowable and consequently all species of the invention should be prosecuted in one and the same application for efficiency reasons. It is respectfully submitted that all of the species of the invention represent similar ways of obtaining the same desired results disclosed within this application.

Notwithstanding the above, in order to fulfill the Examiner's request, the Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Group IV (Figures 15 and 16) of the drawings. The Applicant also provisionally elects, with traverse, claims 1-8, 10-12, 18 and 19 which are readable on the elected species to be prosecuted on the merits.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. If the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding election of species requirement should be withdrawn and examination of all claims pending in this application, on the merits, is respectfully requested at the present time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (AMENDED) A child safety seat for use on a vehicle seat having a seat cushion and a seat back, the child safety seat comprising:

a seat structure having a base support surface for resting on said seat cushion, and a seating surface for a child occupant,

a rigid link attached to the child seat structure solely by a coupling mechanism that permits angular movement of the child seat structure relative to the rigid link link about an axis located above the base support surface, and ←

a releasable connector mounted on the rigid link for engagement with a standard anchorage unit associated with the vehicle seat.

13. (AMENDED) A child safety seat according to claim 6, wherein the rigid link is connected to the child structure by both a first auxiliary link which has one end attached to the child seat structure by a first pivot joint and another end attached to the rigid link by a second pivot joint and a second auxiliary link which has one end attached to the child seat structure by a third pivot joint located above below the first pivot joint ←
and another end attached to the rigid link by a fourth pivot joint located below above the ←
second pivot joint.